Treatment of BPL people

1920. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to creat a separate fund for treatment of diseases like cancer, AIDS and kidney related ailments for people below poverty line and those who cannot afford to pay;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Below Poverty Line persons suffering from Cancer, AIDS and kidney related illness are eligible for grant of financial assistance under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (earlier known as National Illness Assistance Fund).

Diseases due to pollution from slaughter houses

†1921. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as a result of water and other kind of pollution being spread by legal/illegal slaughter houses in the country, the resident in those areas are being infected with the diseases spreading through polluted water and air and the details of diseases with which these persons are suffering;

(b) the details thereof State-wise/Union-Territory-wise;

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard and whether any inquiry will be conducted for the same; and

(d) whether Government propose to cancel the licences of such slaughter houses in public interest?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to ICMR, workers in slaughter houses are exposed to various infectious diseases such as Brucellosis, Erysipeloid, Leptospirosis, Dermatophytosis and warts. These diseases are transmitted through contact with the infected animals or through the contamination of water. The data in respect of number of people infected by such diseases is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) State Pollution Control boards have pursued slaughter houses to set up requisite pollution control facilities to ensure proper management of waste. Slaughter houses have also been asked to adopt modern slaughtering operations for good environmental management.

Illegal import of foreign drugs

1922. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some chemists in Delhi are importing foreign drugs like Imipenen and plavix through airline pilots and air hostesses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the feedback available from Government of NCT of Delhi, no specific instance of import of foreign drugs like Imipenen and Plavix through Airline Pilots and Air hostesses has come to the notice of the drugs control department, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Proposal for new rail lines from Maharashtra and Punjab

1923. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for new railway lines have been received from Maharashtra and Punjab Governments during 2004-05 and 2005-06 particularly with respect to connectivity from Chandigarh to Ludhiana by fast trains;

(b) if so, what are details of sanctioned works of new rail lines/gauge